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Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 583

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS & HOLMES having expired on the 31st March, 1884, I have this day REMOVED MY OFFICE to No. 18, BANK BUILDINGS, Queen's Road Central, opposite Pudding Street.

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS.

Hongkong, April 1, 1884. 572

NOTICE.

M. R. CHARLES ALEXANDER R. TOME'S is authorized to sign our Name by Procurator, in Hongkong, from this date.

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, March 24, 1884. 528

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, TERMINATED on the 31st March, 1884, and the Undersigned will continue to practice in his own Name at No. 24, QUEEN'S ROAD, adjoining the Hongkong Dispensary.

JENNY J. HOLMES.

Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 573

Intimations.

DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP,
NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS FOR THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the Docking, Cleaning, Painting, &c., of VESSELS. The ENCLAVE WORKS in connection with the Dockyard are under the direction of experienced ENGINERS and possess all the necessary appliances for REPAIRS to SHIPS and MACHINERY.

HOLME, RINGER & CO.
Nagasaki, March, 1884. 645

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. R. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as SECRETARY of the above Company until further Notice.

E. R. BELLIOS,
Chairman.
Hongkong, February 25, 1884. 346

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as supplied to
Her Majesty's Ships; The P. & O. S. N. Co.;
The Japanese Government;
Sole Agent, China, Japan, and Manila;
EDWARD GEORGE.

Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 188

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the CITY HALL on SATURDAY, the 19th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., to consider the Amended Stamp Act.

W. KESWICK,
Chairman.
Hongkong, April 12, 1884. 647

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With from six to eleven stops, at from \$100 to \$160 each, made expressly to withstand the combined heat and moisture of the Hongkong climate.

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By BROADWOOD, COLLARD & COLLARD and CHAPPELL, always in Stock for Sale or Hire.

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Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 457

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Hongkong, March 18, 1884. 487

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the BUSINESS of 'TAI YIK' BUILDING CONTRACTOR, No. 34, Lyndhurst Terrace, Hongkong, lately carried on by the Undersigned, YEUNG SUL has been Transferred to Mr. YEUNG FONG, who will himself carry it on under the same Designation. After this Transferred if the said 'TAI YIK' shall contract any Accounts with any Shops or Persons, or negotiate any Loan of Money, &c.,—will be responsible, and the Undersigned, YEUNG SUL, shall be held indemnified. This Notice is specially advertised for general information, in order to avoid future questions arising.

YEUNG SUL.

Hongkong, April 15, 1884. 657

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,

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THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN

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The WINES and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENERAL details of taking Meals, such as TEA-FEES and DINNERS, can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,

Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 368

WANTED—A qualified EUROPEAN or AMERICAN SURGEON to proceed on a voyage in Charge of CHINESE EMIGRANTS.

Apply to VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, April 4, 1884. 506

NOTICE.

C. L. THEVENIN'S Wine and Spirit Store has, from this date, been temporarily REMOVED to No. 4, PEEDAR'S HILL.

Hongkong, March 26, 1884. 542

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

M. R. SAMUEL J. GOVER has this Day been appointed SECRETARY to the above Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. R. BELLIOS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, April 1, 1884. 568

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Orders executed with the utmost despatch
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24th September, 1883. 611

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY,

the 21st April, 1884, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN INVOC OF
JAPANESE WARE,
comprising:—

SATSUMA, KIOTO, KANGA, IMARI and
TORO VASES, JAILS, BOWLS, PLATES, CARD
DISHES, INCENSE BURNERS, ORNAMENTS,
ENAMELED WARE, GOLD AND SILVER INLAID
BRONZES, EMBROIDERIES, CARVINGS,
&c., &c., &c., &c.,

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 17, 1884. 674

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, at the Residence of M. J. D. STEPHENS, Esq., Rocklands, Robinson Road, on

TUESDAY,

the 22nd Instant, at 2 o'clock p.m.—
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WALNUT CHINTZ-COVERED DRAWING-
ROOM SUITE, MAHOGANY CONSUL TABLE,
MIRRORS, CARPETS, LACE CURTAINS, CO-
NICES, &c.

DINING TABLE, WHATNOT, CHAIRS, GLASS
and CROCKERY WARE, ELECTRO-PLATED
WARE, &c.

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and MIRROR, MARBLE-TOP WASH-
STAND and DRESSING TABLE, &c.

Also,

ROSEWOOD COTTAGE PIANO, by R.
H. LUNAU; and a COLLECTION of CHOICE
PLANTS in POTS.

TERMS.—As usual.
Catalogues will be issued, and the Furni-
ture on view the day previous to the Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 9, 1884. 632

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PRO-
PERTY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 25th day of April, 1884, at 3 p.m., on
the Premises,—

BY DIRECTION OF THE OWNER:

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Assorted SOUPS.
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Fresh OREGON SALMON.

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Some translations of Chinese novels and plays are translated by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese postmaster of the eleventh century, Si Fung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is distinguished by its literary grace. Special notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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Some translations of Chinese novels and plays are translated by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese postmaster of the eleventh century, Si Fung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is distinguished by its literary grace. Special notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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